WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electric copy board comprising:

a writing board for a user to freely write an image on;

a reader configured to read an image written on the writing board to thereby generate image data indicative of the image;

an encoder configured to encode the image data generated by the reader; and

a transfer section configured to transfer, via a computer network, the image data encoded by the encoder.

2. The electric copy board according to claim 1, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data as a file attached to an E-mail.

3. The electric copy board according to claim 1, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data in accordance with Internet facsimile standards.

4. The electric copy board according to claim 1, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data, in response to a request issued via the computer network, to a destination which issued the request.

5. The electric copy board according to claim 1, wherein the transfer section uploads the image data to a server which executes data distribution via the computer network.

6. The electric copy board according to claim 1,

wherein the transfer section transfers the image data via another network, as well as the computer network.

7. The electric copy board according to claim 1, further comprising a storage section configured to store the image data.

8. The electric copy board according to claim 7, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data stored in the storage section.

9. The electric copy board according to claim 1, wherein the encoder encodes the image data by JBIG (Joint Bi-level Image experts Group).

10. The electric copy board according to claim 1, wherein the encoder encodes the image data by MMR (Modified Modified READ).

11. A control method for an electric copy board equipped with a writing board on which a user freely writes an image, comprising:

reading an image written on the writing board and generating image data indicative of the image; and

transferring the generated image data via a computer network.